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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **299** Session of  
1961

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. SESLER AND HALUSKA,  
FEBRUARY 27, 1961.

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND WATERS,  
GAME AND FISH, FEBRUARY 27, 1961.

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**AN ACT**

Amending the act of June 3 1937 (P L 1225) entitled "An act concern-  
ing game and other wild birds and wild animals and amending  
revising consolidating and changing the law relating thereto"  
further regulating the issuance of hunting licenses for antlerless  
deer season

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
hereby enacts as follows

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through  
is to be omitted from bill.  
Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter  
stricken from existing law.

1 Section 1 The first paragraph of subsection (e) of section 501 act  
2 of June 3 1937 (P L 1225) known as "The Game Law" amended June  
3 14 1957 (P L 307) and June 28 1957 (P L 398) is amended to read

4 Section 501 Open Seasons After investigation or information other-  
5 wise obtained by the commission as to the annual game supply the com-  
6 mission may by appropriate rules and regulations a summary of which  
7 shall be published as hereinafter specified fix seasons shooting hours  
8 and daily season and possession limits or remove protection and declare  
9 an open season or increase reduce or close seasons or increase or reduce  
10 bag limits for all species of game birds and game animals throughout  
11 the Commonwealth or in any part thereof or limit the number of hunt-  
12 ers in any designated area and prescribe the methods of hunting therein  
13 when in its opinion such action is necessary to assure the maintenance of  
14 an adequate supply of such species or when an unbalanced sex ratio  
15 exists which in its opinion should be corrected or when in the opinion  
16 of the commission such additional open season will not jeopardize the  
17 future supply of game

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19 (e) Open Season For Hunting Deer with Bows and Arrows In each  
20 year in which there is an open season for hunting deer there [shall]

1 may in addition be an open season for hunting deer [of both sexes] with  
2 bows and arrows exclusively unless otherwise declared by resolution of  
3 the commission and the provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall  
4 not apply thereto The duration and time of such additional open season  
5 together with the description of the deer which may be lawfully killed  
6 shall each year be fixed by the commission During any such additional  
7 open season it shall be unlawful to hunt for kill or attempt to kill any  
8 deer without a license as hereinafter prescribed or with any weapon  
9 other than a bow and arrow or with any bow other than a long bow  
10 controlled without aid of mechanical means or with any arrow with any  
11 explosive in the head or shaft

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We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of  
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The ..... day of ..... A. D. 1961.

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Governor